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## **CULTURE CLASH TO HEADLINE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT AT USD**

In celebration of the University of San Diego's 50th Anniversary, USD will present *An Intimate Evening with Culture Clash*, Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., at Shiley Theatre. Also performing will be the 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors and the Gilbert Castellanos Trio.

Culture Clash is one of the top Chicano comedy-theater troupes performing in the United States. The trio -- Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Siguenza -- has written and performed an impressive body of stage work, including *The Mission*, *A Bowl of Beings*, *Radio Mambo* and *Bordertown*, which made its world premier last spring at the San Diego Repertory Theater. In addition, *A Bowl of Beings* premiered on PBS's Great Performance series in 1992, followed in 1993 with the PBS premier of *Columbus On Trail*, an award-winning short documentary written by and starring Culture Clash. Now celebrating their 15th year together, Culture Clash will do a performative reading from their book -- *Life, Death and Revolutionary Comedy* -- for the USD audience.

The San Francisco-based Asian-American skit comedy troupe the 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors will be making their San Diego debut. They have dubbed their own humor a "golden brown perspective," while others have called it "a mishmash of *In Living Color*, *Saturday Night Live* and *Culture Clash*." Among their greatest skits are *Blaine Asakawa's Self-Defense Class*, *World Cup 2002* and *A John Woo Family Dinner*.

The Gilbert Castellanos Trio is one of the top jazz trios in San Diego. The trio is led by trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos, who has performed with Dizzie Gillespie, Billy Higgins, Poncho Sanchez, Jimmy Smith and Wynton Marsalis. The trio mixes classic jazz standards (Ellington, Blakey, etc.) with a dash of Latin jazz and funk.

General admission tickets are \$10-\$15. For information, please call (619) 260-4650.